

Program 1-800-392-1111 into your cell phone— so you can act fast!

Your cell phone programmed with the toll-free number will help you take immediate action when you see violations in the field. **Do not attempt to intervene yourself.**

When you call, you will be asked simple questions, the answers to which will be vital to the investigation. Here are a few things to remember when you witness a suspected violation.

- Nature of suspected illegal activity
- Date and time of violation
- The suspect's identity, if possible
- Description of the suspects and vehicles



**Dedicated to helping you stop
poaching and arson in Missouri**

Help build our reward fund

Reward money for both Operation Game Thief and Operation Forest Arson comes from a fund administered by a nine-member board. Tax-deductible donations to that fund can be sent to the Conservation Federation of Missouri at this address:

**Operation Game Thief/
Forest Arson Reward Fund
C/O Conservation
Federation of Missouri
728 West Main St.
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101**

Visit our websites to learn more
Missouri Department of Conservation:
missouriconservation.org
The Conservation
Federation of Missouri:
confedmo.org



Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, nationality, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 1-800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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REPORT POACHERS AND ARSONISTS

Call 1-800-392-1111



**Program your cell phone
for quick contact**

**Remain anonymous
Rewards possible**

Poaching and arson hurt all Missourians

You may not “feel the pain” of poaching and arson personally, but these crimes can affect you in several specific ways.

Poachers steal your opportunity to hunt, fish or collect legally.

Those who cheat the permit system cheat every Missouri taxpayer. The Conservation Department depends on revenue from hunting and fishing permits to manage wildlife populations and habitat.

Arsonists can destroy property, deplete community fire-fighting funds and take local firefighters’ lives.



How can you tell if someone is poaching?

A person “spotlighting” and shooting deer from a vehicle is poaching. He’s gaining an unfair advantage over his quarry—and over other hunters. The term “poaching” covers all wildlife violations.

A person is poaching if he or she ...

Sells venison, deer sausage, fish or small game to acquaintances or at work.

Collects live animals for sale

- Many native species of reptiles and amphibians (turtles, lizards, snakes and frogs) are illegally taken for worldwide pet trade.

Hunts without a permit or with an inappropriate permit

- Some non-residents will try to buy lower-cost resident permits, even though they are not qualified to do so.

Collects native seeds, plants or roots on Conservation Department lands.



How can you tell if someone is committing arson?

In years past it was common to burn the Ozark woods in the spring to “clean out the ticks and chiggers.” That time is long past, but there are still those who take advantage of dry, windy spring conditions to set fires at random.

A person is committing arson if he or she ...

Sets a wildfire on property he does not own

Sets a fire and allows that fire to burn onto another’s property.

OGT and OFA help you stop poaching and arson



If you witness or suspect a wildlife violation, report it to your local conservation agent or call the toll-free number—**1-800-392-1111**—which is manned 24 hours a day. **You may remain anonymous, and you may ask to be considered for a reward if you wish.**

If you provide information that results in an arrest and you’ve asked to be considered for a reward, your agent will refer this request to a citizen board of the Conservation Federation of Missouri. That board assigns a reward based on the severity of the violation involved. Rewards range from \$50 to \$1000.